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SUBJECT: US DELEGATION TO KIRK FUNERAL: ARRIVAL
STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT OF ARRIVAL STATEMENT WE ARE
SUBMITTING TO SECRETARY BRENNAN FOR HIS APPROVAL AND USE
ON ARRIVAL IN WELLINGTON:

BEGIN TEXT:

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

NORMAN KIRK'S MANY FRIENDS IN THE UNITED STATES WERE
SHOCKED AND SADDENED TO LEARN OF HIS PASSING. NORMAN
KIRK WAS A MAN OF THE PEOPLE, UNPRETENTIOUS, WITH A
GENUINE HUMAN WARMTH AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS THAT MADE HIM
A TRULY DEMOCRATIC PRIME MINISTER. HE WAS A LEADER WHO
ROSE FROM MODEST ORIGINS TO HEAD OF GOVERNMENT IN ONE OF
THE WORLD'S FINEST EXAMPLES OF THE DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL
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SYSTEM. AND HE WAS A LEADER KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

FOR HIS GENUINE MORAL CONCERN FOR BASIC HUMAN ISSUES, FOR HIS CHAMPIONING OF THE RULE OF LAW IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND FOR HIS DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF SMALLER STATES. WE ALL WILL MISS HIM.

PRESIDENT FORD HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO MR. KIRK'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW ZEALAND. HE KNOWS THIS IS A SAD TIME FOR NEW ZEALAND, AS IT IS FOR ALL OF US WHO RESPECTED THE PERSON AND THE WORK OF THE LATE PRIME MINISTER.

WE AMERICANS THINK OF NEW ZEALAND AS A COUNTRY WHERE WE FEEL AT HOME, AND WE HOPE YOU FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT THE UNITED STATES. THAT SPECIAL CLOSENESS WILL CONTINUE DESPITE NORMAN KIRK'S PASSING; BUT WE HAVE LOST A FRIEND.

END TEXT

2. PLEASE ADVISE DELEGATION BY IMMEDIATE CABLE ADDRESSED TO CINCPAC INFO DEPARTMENT WHETHER ARRIVAL STATEMENT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND SUGGEST MODIFICATIONS, IF ANY, WHICH YOU BELIEVE SHOULD BE MADE IN FOREGOING TEXT. ALSO ADVISE WHETHER PRESS WILL BE AT WELLINGTON AIRPORT ON DELEGATION'S ARRIVAL AND GIVE EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS RE DELEGATION CONTACTS WITH PRESS AND MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS OF DELIVERING ARRIVAL STATEMENT. INGERSOLL

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